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Indoor Pool Gains Another Lap

by Marcie Birk

At its October 13 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved the preliminary design of the proposed indoor swimming pool and directed the architect to proceed with preparing final plans. Council also approved the Commerce Center III traffic mitigation plan and authorized an increased service charge for garbage and trash collection.

Before approving the indoor pool design, council discussed where funds for the pool would come from. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said Greenbelt currently has \$6 million from its bond issue, \$2 million of which would be used for the pool.

City Manager James K. Giese said the pool would cost about \$3 million, not including \$200,000 for renovation of the outdoor bath house. The city is planning on borrowing an additional \$1 million, which would bring the total funds available for the pool to \$3 million. Giese said the city should stay within budget if other funding sources are used to renovate the bathhouse.

Keith Chernikoff, representing the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, told council that renovation of the bathhouse was PRAB's lowest priority item and he recommended not spending the money to renovate it. Ruth Kastner, resident of Greenbelt, said \$200,000 seemed like a lot of money to renovate the bathhouse.

Giese said the plan called for the bathhouse to be turned into

a support area for the indoor pool, which would be used as a year-round exercise facility. He said the bathhouse was originally intended only for summer use and is not heated. Because of the poor condition of the building, renovation would be fairly extensive.

Giese noted that the building requires renovation to be used and said its condition was becoming a question of safety. He recommended that if renovation of the building was not approved, it be torn down.

Councilmember Thomas X. White said the building was one of the original structures in Greenbelt and has historical significance. He supported its renovation.

Council agreed to leave renovation of the bathhouse as part of the architectural plan.

The approved plan calls for moving the indoor swimming pool 20 feet to the east of the originally selected site to allow more grass area next to the outdoor pool and to line the building up with the Roosevelt Center buildings.

Council also gave the architect instructions to include a nine-foot depth as part of the main pool, a movable bridge connection between the main pool and the recreation pool and a zero-bottom slope into the main pool.

Safety Questions

Citizens raised some questions regarding the safety of the zero-bottom slope. Doug Sutherland said the use of ladders and handrails instead of the slope would reduce the chance of someone's slipping on the slope into the

pool.

James Giese said handrails and steps are part of the plan for the recreation pool, along with the zero-bottom slope. Giese said he spoke to George Rogala, manager of the outdoor pool, who said the zero bottom slope only occasionally gets slippery and then from suntan lotion. Rogala plans to install non-skid strips to combat this problem.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said suntan lotion would probably not present a hazard at the indoor pool, but recommended the installation of non-skid strips at the indoor rec. pool.

Kastner asked if any funds set aside for parklands will be used to fund the pool.

Weidenfeld said \$2 million will be left for parklands as the council promised. White said, "The council is committed to \$2 million being used for the parklands."

Traffic Mitigation

The traffic mitigation plan for Commerce Center III was presented by attorney Richard Reed, of Fossett and Brugger and representative for the Midland Companies. The plan attempts to make sure that the traffic generated by the new development is equal to the projected traffic impact of the approved 1985 preliminary plan.

The developer met with city staff prior to Thursday night's meeting and came up with a plan to mitigate traffic conditions if Commerce Center III fails a traffic generation test. The test would be conducted one

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Proposed 1989 GHI Budget Calls for 5.8% Fee Increase

by Mavis Fletcher

The 1989 budget for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. was presented by General Manager Ron Colton to the GHI board of directors at its October 13 meeting. The budget as proposed totals \$5,417,466, up about \$300,000 from 1988.

Colton noted that increases in trash collection charges and expected increases in taxes account for 46% of the budget increase. He said that much of the remainder is "investment in buildings which will pay dividends in the future."

Colton handed out a long list of major replacement and improvement programs which are currently being funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The list, which was projected through 1995, is longest for 1989 and 1990. After that many of the programs will be completed or will be funded by reserves which were set up last year. After the reserve funds have built up, the pressure on the members' charges as the source of the funds for the pay-as-you-go program of maintenance will presumably be lessened.

Director Nancy Hutchins raised the question whether these

programs should be funded on a pay-as-you-go basis or whether the cost should be financed by debt financing, that is, putting an additional mortgage on the properties. She noted that the pay-as-you-go programs seem to be appealing but there are arguments both ways.

Increased Charges

As presented, the proposed budget foresees an overall 9.4% operating increase with an average increase in members' charges of 5.48%. Director Chuck Hess, noting a bylaws limitation of 10% operating increases in any one year, warned that the board, which usually adds to the budget, would only have about \$17,000 leeway this year before bumping into the 10% limit.

The budget as presented allows for a four percent cost-of-living increase for employees. The board and management also discussed possibly changing the G-

HI pension plan. A report from the Finance Committee endorsed "equal pay and benefits to all employees . . ." and, noting that few employees participate in the current retirement plan, recommended that the board should "consider alternatives that would permit the current employees to keep their plan and provide the rest of the employees with a plan."

The budget will be presented to the board for the second time on Oct. 27. Presentation to the members is planned at a hearing on Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers. The meeting will not be telecast.

Other Topics

The board took no action on a petition from members in the 16 Court of Ridge requesting that reserved parking be replaced by the prior "restricted" parking. The majority of the court had signed the petition but a significant number of court residents were opposed. Director Alan Freas noted that the parking policy was adopted to ensure that each unit had one reserved space and that he was "not inclined to change (the policy) if there are dissenting members in the court." Director Andrea Haslinger noted that the vote was

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ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

by Elaine Skolnik

Voters will cast ballots on Tuesday, November 8 for President/Vice President, United States Senator and for the Fifth Congressional District's Representative.

Candidates for President/Vice President are: Democrats—Michael S. Dukakis/Lloyd Bentsen; Republicans—George Bush/J. Danforth Quayle, Libertarians—Ronald E. Paul/Andre Marrou; and Alliance—Lenora B. Fulani/Joyce Dattner.

In the Senatorial race, incumbent Democrat Paul S. Sarbanes is pitted against Republican Alan L. Keyes. Competing in the Congressional race are incumbent Steny H. Hoyer, Democrat, and John Eugene Sellner, Republican.

Voters will also make choices for judicial offices and cast ballots "For" or "Against" three State questions, including the referendum on the state law "Prohibiting Certain Handguns." On the county level, there are seven questions.

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When the registration books closed on October 12, Democrats chalked up 59% of the city's 8,907 registered voters while Republicans collected 27% and unaffiliated (independents) 14%. Since the 1984 Presidential election, Republicans increased their share by three percentage points and Democrats sustained a loss of two percentage points.

While the total number of eligible voters in the city's four precincts was down by 19% (10,973 in 1984; 8,907 today), the county sustained a minimal three percent loss since 1984 (210,703 in 1984; 200,500 today).

The ratio of registered Democrats versus Republicans in the county is 3.2 to 1. In Greenbelt the ratio is 2.2 to 1 favoring the Democrats. In 1984, the ratio was 2.5 to 1 and in 1980 the Democrats had a 3 to 1 edge.

Since the March 8 Super Tuesday primary, the city gained 1,610 registrants: 717 Democrats, 613 Republicans and 280 unaffiliated. The county added a total of 24,389 new voters to its rolls—

13,367 Democrats; 8,021 Republicans; 2,819 unaffiliated and 182 Libertarians.

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In 1984 the population of Greenbelt was an estimated 17,655 and the number of dwelling units 8,136. Rental units numbered 4,804; town homes 1,937; single family homes 500 and condominium units 893. The city's population in 1988-89 is estimated at 19,395. Apartments numbered 4,806; townhomes 2,323; single family homes 557 and condominium units 1,255.

1988 GENERAL ELECTION

Voter Registration Totals

Precinct	1988	% Change from 1984
Center (21-3)	2343	-13.1
St. Hugh's (21-6)	2073	-6.0
Springhill Lake (21-8)	1680	-32.6
E. Roosevelt (21-13)	2811	-21.6
Total	8907	-18.9

County Republican headquarters for Bush/Quayle and Keyes is located at 3231 Superior Lane in Bowie, Suite 827. Telephone — 464-6220.

County Democratic headquarters for Dukakis/Bentsen, Sarbanes and Hoyer is located in New Carrollton Mall, 7724 Riverdale Road. Telephone — 306-0844. Muriel Weidenfeld is chairperson of Greenbelt's Democratic campaign. Telephone — 345-2327.

News Review Staff Meets

The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt News Review will be held on Sunday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mavis Fletcher, 12 Pinecrest Court. This is a business meeting which will include election of members of the Board of Directors. All staff members are urged to attend.

Nov. 1 Is Deadline For Absentee Ballots

The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot is Tues., Nov. 1. Application must be made in writing to the board of supervisors of elections.

Registered voters qualify for absentee voting if they will be out of their county of residence on election day, are ill or disabled, are 65 years of age or older and their polling place is inaccessible, are full-time college students residing on campus, or are confined in or restricted to an institution.

For information, call 952-3270.



THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1988
THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL MEETING
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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Gudrun H. Mills, CMC

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Making Halloween Safer

Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for kids. Pfc. David Buerger of the Greenbelt Police Department warns, "it is important to remember that Halloween is not what it used to be. There are people out there that are trying to intentionally hurt our children."

Here are some precautions Buerger recommends to make this Halloween safer: Make sure children are accompanied by an adult or a responsible teenager when they go door-to-door; instruct children never to eat anything until they are home and the treats have been checked; cut and wash fruits before eating; throw away unwrapped treats; check the wrappers of commercial candies for signs of tampering and call the police at 474-7200 if any look suspicious; make sure children's costumes fit and that they can see well; tell children to stay in their neighborhood on well-lighted streets; since children will be out after dark, make sure they carry a flashlight; teach children to use the sidewalks, or if there are no sidewalks, instruct them to walk on the left side of the street; know which friends children will be with and which route they are taking; and lastly, leave your porch light on or tie a white hankie on your apartment door so children will know it's okay to visit your home.

American Legion to Hold Annual Halloween Party

The Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will hold its annual Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30, 1988 from 5 until 8 pm. Prizes will be given for the best costumes in children's age groups 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12. There will be games, refreshments, and fun for all. So put on your funniest, scariest, cutest costume or come as you are and join the American Legion for a great evening.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Springhill Lake will host its annual Masquerade Ball on Monday, Oct. 31, Halloween Night.

The bewitching hours will be 9 p.m.-midnight. The evening will include witches brew, monster munchies, a Swami telling fortunes, music by the outstanding D.J.'s "The Pro's", and more!

There is a fee for Springhill Lake residents and their guests. They must be 21 or over. The decor will be hauntingly exciting. A night to remember!

Halloween Activities

Greenbelt's Annual Costume Party and Parade is scheduled at the Youth Center on Friday, Oct. 28, 3:30-5 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in various categories. Entertainment and treats are in store for all participants.

Greenbelt's Official Trick or Treat Night is Monday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Residents wishing to participate are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door knob.

JAYCEES SPONSOR HALLOWEEN PARTY

All area youngsters are invited to this year's annual Halloween Party, sponsored by the Greenbelt Jaycees. It will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2-4 p.m. at the Jaycee Clubhouse located at 147 Crescent Road in the St. Hugh's school parking area.

Lots of games and refreshments are in store. Children should dress-up in Halloween costumes. Parents are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Barbara Barber at 474-0797.

The Jaycees are a young adult leadership training organization through community service. The Greenbelt Jaycees meet the third Tuesday of each month, 8 p.m. at the clubhouse.

CITY NOTES

The Beaver is back and has felled a tree in the area of the peninsula.

The Special Details crew assisted the Trash crew in collections, repaired traffic controls signs, and cleaned storm drains.

The General Crew installed sidewalks in the area of Garden Way, Ridge Rd., and Crescent Rd. The following people received their Class B licenses: David Johnson, John Crisman, and Brian Townsend.

GREENBRIAR CRAFT SHOW

Saturday Nov. 5,
11-4 p.m.

Community Building
 7600 Hanover Parkway
 441-1096

Center School's Halloween Costume Walk is Monday

Children from Greenbelt Center School will hold their annual Halloween Costume Walk on Monday, October 31. The children will leave the school at 1:15 p.m. and parade through Roosevelt Center. Parents and all interested Greenbelters are urged to come and give them a big audience.

A Fun Night

by Yoni Siegel

On Saturday night (Oct. 22), members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt led about 100 Halloween-spirited Greenbelters through the woods of Parcel 1, which were filled with a glowing array of flickering pumpkins. Lurking in the moonlit shadows, the Halloweeners were greeted by some friendly creatures of the night—werewolf, goatman, and a high-flying ghost. After the tour, chilled bones were warmed by sipping hot chocolate and munching on chewy treats. It was a fun night for Halloween lovers of all ages, venturing through the last remaining patch of the green belt.

Green Belt Tours Offered

Members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt will conduct guided tours of the green belt each Saturday. On Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. the tour will start at the end of Northway. Call Paul at 474-4653 or Rodney at 345-5427 for information.

Free Course Offered For Senior Citizens

Prince Georges Community College is accepting registrations for a free current issues course for senior citizens.

"Current Issues for Senior Citizens," is being offered at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, on Fridays, 10 until 11:30 a.m. through November 18. A second session will be offered on Fridays, December 16 through March 10. The instructor is Vincent Cipriani.

Register at Holy Cross or call 322-0158 for additional information.

WOODWIND QUINTET PERFORMS AT MARYLAND

On Monday, October 31 at 12:15 p.m. the University of Maryland Woodwind Quintet will present a concert in the Tawes Recital Hall on the College Park Campus. Featured are faculty members William Montgomery, Norman Heim, Kathleen Golding, Orrin Olson and Kenneth Pasmanick. The program will include works by Bizet, Mozart, Piston and Milhaud. Admission is free. For further information call 454-6669.

HARVEST BAZAAR '88

Holy Redeemer Church

4902 Berwyn Road

College Park, Md.

Friday, Nov. 4

POLISH DINNER

5 p.m., \$6

ADULT NIGHT

7-11 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

YARD & HALL SALE

8 a.m.

FAMILY DAY

12 noon - 11 p.m.

Games, raffles, crafts,

white elephants.

AUCTION at 9 p.m.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

4:30 p.m., \$4

French Farce at U of Md.

University Theatre at the University of Maryland will present "A Flea in Her Ear," a farce by Georges Feydeau. Performances will run Nov. 3-5 and 10-12 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. in Tawes Theatre. For more information or for tickets, call the Tawes Theatre Box Office, 454-2201 on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SENIORS CRAFTS CLASS

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a free crafts class for senior citizens in knitting, crochet, and needlepoint. The class is held every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants must bring their own materials. For more information, call 474-6878.

Unique Auction Is Planned

A Welsh dinner, a Polynesian pool party and persimmon pudding are just some of the unusual services and goods up for bid at Saturday's October Festive Auction sponsored by the Paint Branch Unitarian Church, 3215 Powder Mill Rd., in Adelphi.

The doors will open at 7 p.m. and German food and drinks will be sold. Bidding begins at 8 p.m.

Children's Acting Classes

A new series of children's acting classes sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center begins in November. Classes run from Nov. 4-Dec. 17, Fridays, 3:45-4:30 for ages 6-8, and 4:30-5:30 for ages 8-11; Saturdays, 2:30-4 for ages 11-13. All classes are held in the Youth Center.

The new teacher, Bobby Rothenberry, has had wide experience in teaching, acting, and directing. Classes will culminate in a final performance project on Dec. 17 - "A Time of Giving."

For more information, call Barbara Simon at 474-2192 or 441-8770.

At the Library

There will be a Drop-In Storytime for children ages three to five at the Greenbelt Library on Thursday, November 3 from 10:30-11 a.m.

Doll Exhibit

Teddy bears and dolls will be exhibited at Marietta, the historic home of early Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duval on Bell Station Rd just off Route 193 near Route 450 on Fri. and Sat., 10-4 p.m. and Sun. noon - 4 p.m. on Nov. 4-6. The exhibit, for which there is a small fee, will benefit the Marietta Restoration Fund. For information, call 779-2011 or 464-0590.

HANDEL FESTIVAL AT UM

The 1988 Maryland Handel Festival will be held November 2 through 6 at the University of Maryland. The festival will include performances of works by Handel and his contemporaries as well as a lecture and a panel discussion. For more information, or to obtain a festival brochure, call 454-5265.

SHL Photo Contest

Springhill Lake residents are invited to snap a few photos or select a favorite snapshot of Springhill Lake from their scrapbook.

The lucky Grand Prize Winner receives \$100. Residents can also try to win first prize in one of three categories: People, Pets and Animals, or SHL scenery. Colorfax of College Park will provide individual category prizes.

Serving as Judges will be Phillip Masturzo, the Prince Georges Journal Photo Dept.; Mark J. Gregory, Photographer; Bernadette J. Bolte, Editor of the SHL newsletter, the Fountain Pen.

Deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Rules can be received from the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge.

A Photo Exhibit will be held Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge. Prizes will be awarded to the winners by the judges. Everyone is invited from 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. There will be a wine and cheese reception, as well as sodas and other refreshments. There is no admission. Please make a reservation by calling the Lodge 474-4555.

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GHI MEMBERSHIP HEARING

on

1989 proposed
 GHI BUDGET

Tuesday, November 1 8 p.m.

City Council Chambers

GHI Members may call 474-4161 for information

Urges "Yes" Vote

To the Editor:

On September 19 our city council unanimously passed a resolution supporting a yes vote on the gun control measure which will be on the November ballot. Joseph Isaacs who put forward the resolution, Mayor Weidenfeld, and the other members of council deserve much praise for taking such a strong stand in the face of much opposition from the gun industry, hunters and those that believe guns offer protection.

In 1969 the Greenbelt Committee for a Responsible Firearms Policy campaigned for a referendum on gun control that was on the ballot that September. Charles T. McDonald, the late former city manager, chaired the committee; Albert Herling was the chief spokesperson and I was the main organizer. Several leaflets were produced and there was one large mailing.

A half-page ad appeared in the *News Review* that included an anti-gun quotation from J. Edgar Hoover. It was signed by 71 Greenbelters, at least 10 of whom are now deceased. The *Washington Post* had an editorial titled "The Guns of Greenbelt." Opponents of gun control put out one piece of literature.

The 1969 referendum was passed by the Greenbelt voters by 64% which was almost two to one. The statewide vote this year is expected to be quite close because the gun lobby is spending about \$4 million which is 10 times what gun opponents are raising. If Greenbelters repeat the 64% vote it will help approve the referendum. Those of us who want to stop crime and prevent gun accidents must remember to vote yes on question 3 on November 8.

Bob Auerbach

Ironies Abound

To the Editor:

I noted the extensive space devoted to Chief Craze's guest editorial (October 20) concerning the so-called "gun ban." Though I do not doubt his integrity in reporting what the law says, or necessarily disagree with his point of view, I still believe it would be in the public interest if your newspaper would go one step further and publish the actual text of the law on which we citizens are supposed to vote this November 8. I have several friends in the NRA who complain that newspapers have carried many stories about what the law says, but never seem to get around to printing the text. In fairness to this point of view, please print the text of the law so we can see what all the talk is about for themselves.

Concerning the environmental issues in the stories on page one and elsewhere of the same issue, I find it ironic that in our community, ravaged by development, where we have been hearing many voices crying out over the proposed further bulldozing of our green belt, that apparently no one has stood in defense of our wetlands (Schrom Hills park and proposed site of Metro service yard) save representatives of EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers. Why is this? The irony is compounded when one realizes these agencies are of the same beloved government which has knowingly allowed, in the name of "national security," the proliferation of a nightmare of radioactive pollution at our national bomb factories which we are only now hearing about.

On this beautiful fall day with the election coming up, I am reminded of the famous cartoon line, "I have seen the enemy, and he is us!"

Thanks for a fine issue.

Michael R. Travis

Editor's Note: For space reasons we are unable to print the text of the law. We think Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze provided an excellent summary.

In Response

To the Editor:

We respond to reactions to our letter in which we explained the importance of the city obtaining additional funding through the issuance of bonds rather than through borrowing under Section 59 of the City Charter.

Mr. Sutherland writes that "incomplete or inaccurate facts" have been presented. While it is not clear whether he refers to our letter or to another, we want to ensure that our readers do not reach incorrect conclusions. For accuracy (we) carefully checked all figures in our letter before publication. As for incompleteness: if anybody feels we have left out pertinent information or that additional clarification is needed, please contact us.

(In response to Mr. Goldberg) we want to stress that we did not urge a referendum on the allocation of additional funds to construct the indoor swimming pool. We urge a referendum to approve the sale of more general obligation bonds needed to finance the \$3.5 million the city is short in doing the bond issue projects.

We agree fully that our bi-annual elections are a very important instrument in implementing local democracy. But they do not take the place of citizen's referendums on bond issues. And yes, using an obscure section in the Charter may be legally correct, but is it advisable? The Charter was written long ago, and this section was never meant to cover such large amounts of money.

Come the 1989 election, we may be able to exercise our political leverage, but what good will that do us when the city has in the meantime committed itself to a (large) total debt (service)? We are not only dealing with the question of how much money to borrow, but also how much to pay for the money we borrow. When borrowing under Section 59 we may have to pay as much as \$1.45 for every dollar we will have to pay when issuing bonds! For only when issuing bonds, approved by all citizens, is the full faith and credit of the city pledged, lowering the interest costs considerably.

Voters, what is your preference?

Leonie Penney,
Betty Maffay, Member of
Council, 1969-1973

LETTERS

The No Piano Blues

To the Editor:

Our Greenbelt Nursing Center is always in need of entertainment. It is blessed therapy for the residents of the home.

Pianists often volunteer to play.

If you have a piano you could donate to the Nursing Center, please call Kay Stuphin at 577-0097.

Please consider this worthy cause.

Dova S. Kreimeyer

Plea for Candy Cane City

To the Editor:

I am one parent who used Candy Cane City. It will be missed very much by the many children who live in the apartments nearby, the parents waiting for doctors' appointments or taking a break (during) shopping.

The most unappealing aspect of the park is not the litter but the pollution, mainly by auto antifreeze in the nearby creek. The creek bed is filled with broken glass and cans from years of partying all along Braden Field. The largest amount of littering is on Friday and Saturday nights when there are baseball games. Then there are the horse-shoe players that often drink and play right in front of the playground. Despite the signs that prohibit drinking I have seen too many (beer cans) propped against the nearest tree and jammed into the nearby trash cans. Then there are the little clearings in the woods that seem to attract Friday and Saturday night revelers, not to speak of the tailgate parties in the parking lot. I do wish the cans and bottles could make it to the trash cans.

I stopped there this morning with my kids and despite the litter it is still a very nice playlot. So many playgrounds are surfaced with dangerous asphalt or are out in the hot sun without a tree. Others seem geared to older kids. Candy Cane City is one of my favorites still. The tall maples are turning colors now, my daughter climbed the little tree in front. She has chased many a squirrel up the trees or a friendly dog around the field. After a big rain, when the stream pollution has been flushed out we have watched the stream bubble past the rocks and hopped from side to side. We have dragged lots of bottles out and thrown lots of pebbles in. My kids will remember well how tall those trees are.

Martha Rothman

Willing to Share

To the Editor:

As coach, I was offended by Bill Rashkin's misleading implications that the Greenbelt Swim Team has been greedy and self-serving in its use of pool time. Actually, the swim team has worked with the Recreation Department to provide a comprehensive program that allows and encourages maximum use of the pool by all members of the community.

Team practice has been restricted to the early morning hours — before most rational people have begun to think about the reality of the approaching day. While this has allowed for a comprehensive lesson program, popular senior citizen activities and general recreational swimming, it has limited swim team opportunities to those who have the self-discipline to brave the chilly morning waters while their friends are home cuddled in bed.

We have always welcomed adults to share our early morning water time. We do need the pool for swim meets for two or three Saturday mornings each summer. We hope that the value of our swim team program is great enough to justify these six to nine hours lost from general community use. (The community is, of course, always welcome to come cheer on Greenbelt's

committed youth during these events.)

We also hope that our record will serve to clear us from any doubts about our willingness to cooperate with all interested groups during the scheduling of Greenbelt's indoor pool time.

Gail Drake

Busing a Threat?

To the Editor:

Once again (still?) there is talk of not renovating Greenbelt Center Elementary School but abandoning it, at least as a school. Greenbelt never seems to miss an opportunity to consider giving up some key element of the "plan." In Greenbelt Center, we have a school adjacent to a public library, a youth center, a park (with a lake), and a vibrant city center.

I get the impression that the school board is trying to threaten us with busing our kids to Bladensburg to get us to approve abandoning the Center School. I, for one, would feel indignant if my children had to miss two years of a local, central school. I personally think it is possible to renovate the school while it is being used and that we should all clamor for this strategy to be implemented. Even if this is not to be, however, two years of inconvenience would be a relatively minor price to pay for a continuance of a sensible and wise plan that can remain a valuable beginning for 50 more years of our children's education.

Robert Rashkin

Courtesy of the Greenbelt Police Department
Your Police Department wishes everyone
a SAFE and fun-filled Halloween!

McGruff's HALLOWEEN SAFETY QUIZ

Halloween is a time for ghosts and goblins and fun with friends, right? That's right. Almost everybody is nice, but sometimes a few people play mean tricks on kids at Halloween — like putting dangerous things in their candy and treats. Take a tip from me, McGruff the Crime Ghost . . . er, Dog.

Play it safe this Halloween. Follow my advice in the quiz below.

Place a check beside the answer you feel is best.

1. Someone gives you candy that is not wrapped and sealed by the candy company. You should:

- () A. Eat it anyway.
() B. Save it for a rainy day.
() C. Throw it away.

2. One of the treats you were given has something "suspicious" sticking out of it. Your mom should:

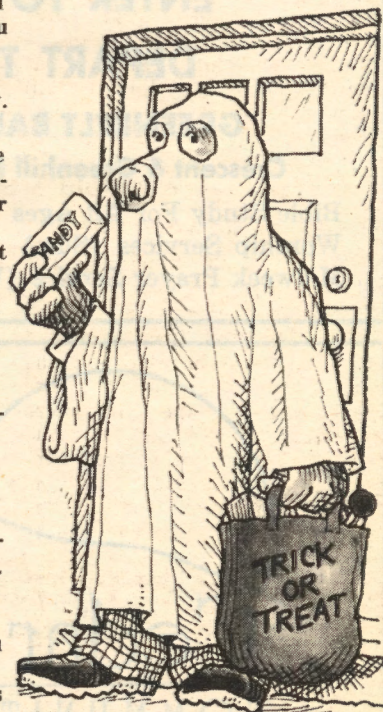
- () A. Bite into it to see what it is.
() B. Call the police.
() C. Put it in the refrigerator.
() D. Scream.

3. The safest way to go trick-or-treating is:

- () A. Alone
() B. Late at night.
() C. On roller skates.
() D. With an adult you trust.

4. The best place to go trick-or-treating is:

- () A. Across town.
() B. In a neighborhood you know.
() C. Where the most houses are.
() D. Where there's a pumpkin in the window.



ANSWERS:
1. C. Throw it away. McGruff says, unsealed candy could have dangerous things hidden inside.
2. B. Call the police. They can help keep you and other kids in your neighborhood safe.
3. D. With an adult you trust. Try to go out in daylight. If you go out after dark, wear a light costume and carry a flashlight.
4. B. In a neighborhood you know. It's safer to accept treats from people you know.

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Council Agrees to Mitigation Plans

(Continued from page one)
year from the time that Smith-Ewing lot 3 (Commerce Center III) is 90% occupied. If the test shows even one car trip over the limit, the city could tax Smith-Ewing Lot 2 for a pre-determined amount and use that money to lessen the impact of additional traffic.

The Midland Companies would bear the cost of one of three options. The three options include a third left-turn lane from Hanover Parkway to Greenbelt Road, a traffic light at Glen Ora Drive and Hanover Parkway or a \$62,500 capital expenditure to be determined by the city.

City Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson said the staff considered several options and that the three proposed seemed the most feasible. She said the \$62,500 was identified because that is the maximum cost of the first two options, which now seem the most viable.

Questions were raised concerning the plan's options. Councilmember Joseph Isaacs pointed out that getting a third left-turn lane onto Greenbelt Road might not be possible because it is a state road.

James Foy of Hunting Ridge said he liked the mitigation plan but reminded council that there is a plan to move the entrance ramp for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway closer to Hanover Parkway. He pointed out that the third left-turn lane might not be an option.

White questioned whether a light at Glen Ora Drive would cause a queuing problem because of its proximity to Greenway Center.

Another concern was that the plan had not been looked at by the city's Advisory Planning Board. Isaacs expressed concern that the first two options did not seem viable, and yet that was what the monetary sum of the third option was based on. He felt the matter had not been looked into thoroughly by staff and did not support the motion.

White also did not support the

motion because, he said, "In my view, the best mitigation plan is one that would have kept the original covenants intact."

Weidenfeld said, "I will support the motion because Midland has made a bona fide effort to keep within the traffic constraints - I yield to staff's expertise."

Tid-bits

Also at Thursday night's meeting, council

—received four beautification awards from Prince Georges County. Council recognized the efforts of Director of Public Works George Smith and City Horticulturist Bill Phelan in winning these awards.

Miscellaneous

Council —

— approved an increase in service charges for garbage and trash collection. Effective January 1, 1989, individual housing units will pay \$10.50 per month for these services.

— authorized the purchase of heating and airconditioning equipment from Jolles Bros. Contractors of Beltsville and the installation of a resurfaced roof from Browne and Merry Construction Co., both for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The negotiated purchase price will be \$48,000 for both items.

— accepted the preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Park. The plan was revised to include two more lots for the internal park area and to delete pedestrian easements. The revised plan incorporates most of the Advisory Planning Board's and city staff's recommendations. Council added one provision prior to approval. The provision was for a 10-foot pine tree border along the entire length of the new development that faces Greenbrook Estates.

— heard the first reading of a resolution to consent to the transfer of Greenbelt's cable television franchise from Prime Cable to Maryland Cable Corporation, a subsidiary of ML Media Opportunity Partners.

— also heard the first reading of

1988 VOTER REGISTRATION TOTALS

Precinct	Democrats			Republicans			Unaffiliated		
	1988	1984	% Change	1988	1984	% Change	1988	1984	% Change
Center School 21-3	1472	1704	-13.6	564	633	-10.9	304	358	-15.1
St. Hugh's School 21-6	1284	1451	-11.5	544	505	+ 7.7	244	249	- 2
Springhill Lake School 21-8	950	1475	-35.5	450	611	-26.4	279	404	-31
Eleanor Roosevelt High School 21-13	1562	2117	-26.2	808	884	- 8.6	440	582	-24.4
TOTAL	5,268	6,747		2,366	2,633		1,267	1,593	
Prince George's Co.	200,500	210,703		63,608	62,934		29,947	30,868	

an ordinance that would allow the Greenbelt Police Department to change to a 12-hour-day-shift schedule.

— referred a request for a stop sign at Ridge Road and Plateau Place to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for their comments. A traffic survey conducted by the Police Department indicated there was no particular traffic problem at that intersection.

— reappointed Hugh D. Jas-court and James F. O'Reilly to another three-year term on the Employee Relations Board.

GHI NOTES

The membership hearing on the 1989 budget will be held November 1 in City Council Chambers at 8 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend this important meeting, which offers an opportunity to make suggestions and comments on what will be done in 1989.

The Board meetings for November and December have been changed to the first and third Thursdays of those months as follows: November 3 and 17; December 1 and 15. Members are always welcome to attend Board meetings.

The GHI offices will be closed November 11 (Veteran's Day) and November 24 (Thanksgiving Day.)

Chili Cook-off Is Nov. 19

The 3d annual Springhill Lake Chili Cook-Off is on Saturday, November 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fountain Lodge. The public is invited to come and sample chili prepared by local restaurants.

Participating community restaurants will be: Kangaroo Katties, La Gringada, Wendy's, Curly's, Olde World Inn, 94th Aero-squadron, Greenbelt Marriott, Margarita Maggies, the Straw Boss-Holiday Inn and Sir Walter Raleigh's.

There is a fee. Proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

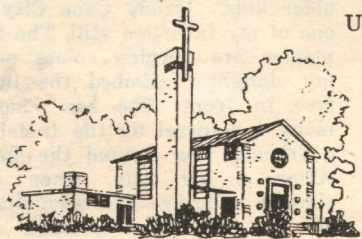
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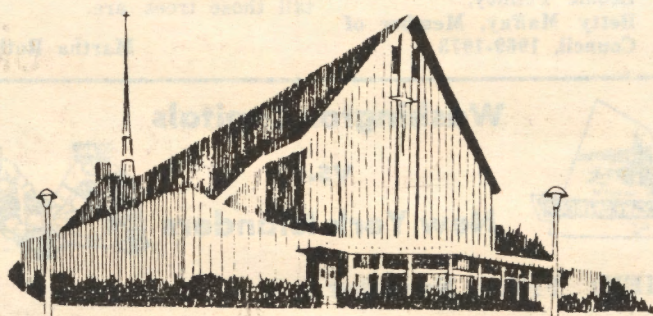
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Sun., Nov. 13
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MEETING

Miriam Pedersoli on
"Working with AIDS Patients
at the Gift of Peace Home"
All are invited

SHA Officials Discuss Parkway Ramp Changes with Greenbriar Residents

by Mavis Fletcher

The October 6 meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee was combined with a Greenbriar homeowners meeting to hear plans for changing the ramps connecting Greenbelt Road with the northbound lanes of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. In the plan presented, the existing ramps on and off the Parkway which intersect Greenbelt Road at the entrance to Greenway Shopping Center will be closed and new on/off ramps will be built about 600 ft. east. This new intersection will be roughly half-way between the Greenway Center entrance and the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road.

According to Edward Jankiewicz of the Prince Georges County Public Works Department, the ramps are being changed to provide improved access to the Parkway, particularly to provide additional storage space for cars exiting from the Parkway so that fewer backups on the northbound lanes will occur. (See map)

Taking Greenbriar Land

Most of the land needed for construction of the ramps is already owned by the county, the State Highway Administration or the federal government. However, a letter from the SHA dated Sept. 26 notified Greenbriar homeowners that the SHA intends to acquire two small parcels of land owned by the Greenbriar Recreational Association, Inc. in order to complete the right-of-way. One of the parcels lies west of the tennis courts behind the pool and consists of slightly more than one-half acre (22,885 sq. ft.). The other parcel lies at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway where the SHA is seeking a revertible easement of 3,158 sq. ft. in front of the sign which bears the Greenbriar name. Within this easement the SHA will actually acquire 51 sq. ft. at the corner. The rest of the land will remain the property of Greenbriar but can be used during the construction as needed, according to Jankiewicz.

In the letter of Sept. 26, the SHA offered \$55,050 for the land.

Greenbriar Concerns

Greenbriar residents expressed most concern about the proximity of the ramps to the tennis courts and swimming pool. Jankiewicz said the on-ramp to the Parkway would come to within 25 feet of the tennis court at the closest point. The swale along the ramp would be within 10 feet. However, the ramp will lie about 12 ft. below the level of the tennis courts.

Residents were also worried about the impact on the swimming pool by the noise and pollution from the cars on the ramps. Some of those present expressed the opinion that the community ought to be given "mitigating damages" for the impact of the ramps on the recrea-

tion facilities. Some residents also questioned the adequacy of the amount being offered for the land.

Three Lights in a Row

A traffic light will be installed where the new ramps join Greenbelt Road while the present light at the entrance of Greenway Center will not be removed. There will be three traffic lights within approximately 1125 feet. on Greenbelt Road. Jankiewicz assured the residents that the lights would be synchronized to minimize the impact on drivers on Greenbelt Road.

For a negotiated settlement, two-thirds of the homeowners must agree to the acquisition.

If no agreement is reached, the SHA can post an amount equal to the appraised value of the land with the circuit court and then proceed with the project. Condemnation proceeding would then follow.

J Davis, a Greenbriar resident, objected to this procedure, saying that the community should get the plans in writing (including such features as tree buffers) before it has to commit itself.

Steve Bubb, president of Condominium Ventures, Inc., the firm which manages Greenbriar condominiums also said that the time frame was very short, since they had only heard about the offer on Sept. 19.

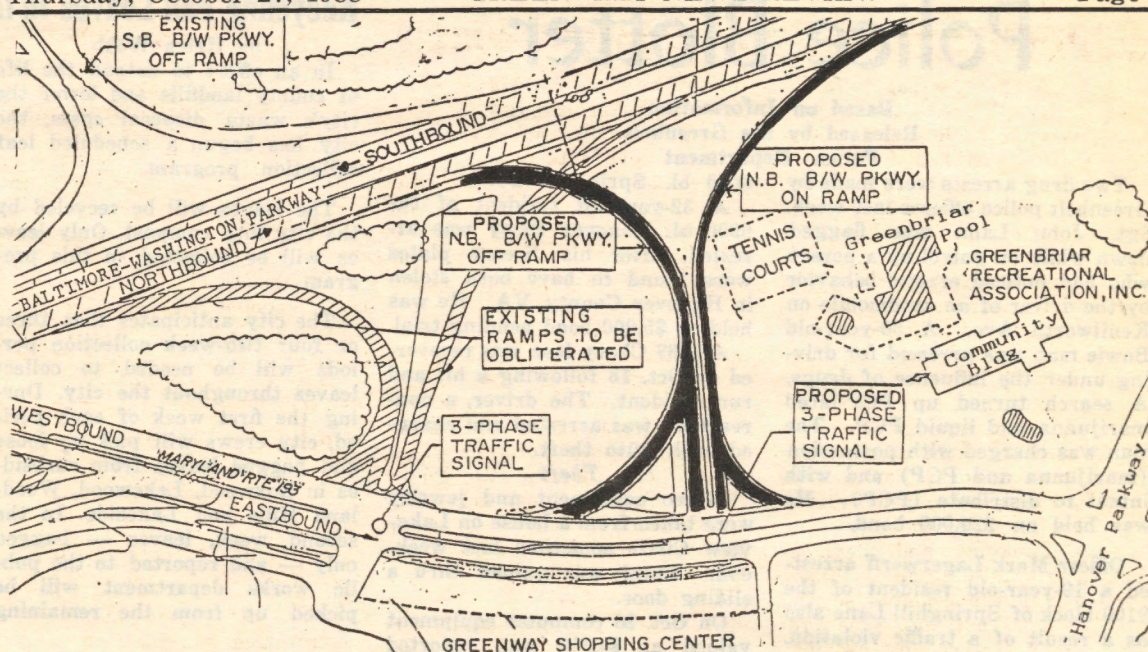
Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, who attended the meeting, indicated that the city might be able to help Greenbriar residents get more time to make their decision. The SHA letter does not specify any deadline for the homeowners to approve the settlement. Shelby Hicks of the SHA later told the News Review that filing with the circuit court was already underway when the meeting was held. However, she emphasized that negotiations with the homeowners to achieve a settlement would continue even after the money was posted in court.

No date has been set for the beginning of construction. The SHA letter states that work may begin as early as December. At the meeting Jankiewicz said that he estimated that construction might not start until February.

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The drawing shows the proposed change in the on and off ramps connecting the northbound lanes of the Baltimore Washington Parkway to Greenbelt Road (Maryland Rte. 193). The new ramps will be about midway between the old ramps and Hanover Parkway. The old ramps will be closed. Based on a preliminary design study drawing furnished by Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. (Not to scale).

Soviet Teacher Visits Roosevelt High School

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is one of ten schools selected nationwide to participate in an international teacher exchange program with the Soviet Union.

Ludmila Mikhailovna Matveeva, a secondary school English language instructor in Leningrad, will visit Eleanor Roosevelt High School for ten weeks beginning later this month. She will observe United States teaching methods and serve as a resource teacher on U.S.S.R. culture. The Soviet teacher's exchange is sponsored by AFS Intercultural Programs, a non-profit organization that sponsors international educator and student exchange programs. This program is conducted with the cooperation of the United States State Department and the Embassy of the U.S.S.R.

During her visit, Matveeva will live with Mr. and Mrs. H. Kent Hills of Lanham, who volunteered to serve as the host family. A welcoming reception for Matveeva was held on Tuesday, October 19.

SHL Hosts Poster Contest

Children and youth of the Greenbelt area are invited to enter Springhill Lake's Poster Contest which will be used to promote the Annual Chili Cookoff for the benefit of Cystic Fibrosis. Children or teens, are asked to make a poster to be judged on the day of the Chili Cookoff, Nov. 19. Posters must be done on standard white 22"x28" poster board and must be turned in to the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge by Fri., Nov. 11. A sheet of rules as well as helpful graphics are available at the Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge, 474-4555.

Prizes will be awarded on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. Judges for this event will be Ivan Wiener, Springhill Lake Scholarship Winner and Teen Club representative; Barbara Havekost, representing the City of Greenbelt; and Gil Green, Scoutmaster - Springhill Lake Pack #1253.

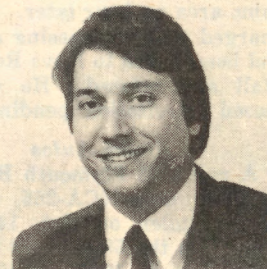
The three winners will each receive a gift certificate to 3 Brothers Pizzeria in Beltway Plaza.

Visit Asia in Slides and Art

Greenbelters are invited to a slide presentation and discussion entitled "The many Faces of Asia" Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Jonathan Maffay and his wife Isabel Graziani have recently returned after spending two years travelling through ten Asian countries. In addition there will be a display of Asian art and handicrafts from the various countries.

"To Your Smile"

by
Ray Vidal, D.D.S.



What Is Tartar?

Tartar (calculus) forms on the teeth when plaque becomes calcified. Plaque is soft and easily removed from the surface of the teeth with proper brushing and flossing. Tartar can only be removed by a dentist or hygienist using specially designed instruments.

If allowed to remain for an extended period of time, tartar causes gum recession along with loss of bone which supports the teeth. In extreme cases, teeth must be removed due to looseness and infection which can not be treated.

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Two drug arrests were made by Greenbelt police officers last week. Sgt. John Lann was flagged down while on patrol by a person who had noticed erratic behavior by the driver of an automobile on Kenilworth Ave. A 30-year-old Bowie man was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. A search turned up PCP-laced marijuana and liquid PCP. The man was charged with possession (marijuana and PCP) and with intent to distribute (PCP). He was held on \$25,000 bond.

Officer Mark Lagerwerff arrested a 19-year-old resident of the 9100 block of Springhill Lane also as a result of a traffic violation. In a search of the car, Lagerwerff found over 30 baggies of suspected crack cocaine. The man was charged with possession and intent to distribute. He was also held on \$25,000 bond.

Auto Vandalism

About 20 vehicles parked in the 6900 block of Hanover Pkwy, 7200 bl. Mandan Rd. and 8700 bl. Lakeside Dr. were vandalized during the evening of Oct. 18. Damage was both interior and exterior, items were stolen, and in some cases, the cars were moved out of their parking spaces. Four white males in their teens are suspected. One has blonde hair and wore a red satin jacket. A second wore a light colored shirt and jeans and may have dark hair. A 1965 or '66 primer-colored Chevy may have been involved.

Arrests

A 20-year-old resident of 13 Hillside was arrested at the Center on Oct. 17 and charged with possession of an open alcoholic container in public. He was released on a citation pending trial. A second person, a resident of 39 Ridge Road was arrested in the same area an hour later. He was charged with trespassing after he had been asked to leave Roosevelt Mall and refused. He was released on citation pending trial.

Stolen Autos

A red 1968 Plymouth Barracuda, Md. tags NCA-265, was reported stolen on Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. from the 5900 bl. of Cherrywood Tr. A 1988 red Chrysler Conquest, temporary NJ tags GO3263, was reported stolen on Oct. 15 about 1:30 p.m. from the 6100 bl. Springhill Ct. The keys had been left inside the car. Stolen tags resulted in the arrest of two 18-year-old residents of the 6200 bl. Springhill Dr. Both were released pending trial.

A blue and yellow Yamaha motorcycle MD tags 88719D was reported taken on Oct. 19 from the

6000 bl. Springhill Dr.

A 32-year-old resident of the 6900 bl. Hanover Pkwy was arrested, after his license plates were found to have been stolen in Hanover County, VA. He was held on \$5,000 bond pending trial.

A 1987 Chevy Iroc was recovered on Oct. 18 following a hit and run accident. The driver, a non-resident, was arrested and charged with auto theft.

Theft

Stereo equipment and jewelry were taken from a house on Lakeview Circle sometime last weekend. Entry was gained thru a sliding door.

On Oct. 20 computer equipment valued at \$8,000 was reported stolen from a locked office in the 6300 bl. of Ivy Lane. There were no signs of forced entry.

A 30 year old nonresident was arrested by officer Michael Lanier on Oct. 15 after a store security guard saw the man concealing merchandise at Marshall's Dept. Store in Beltway Plaza. The man was held on \$500 bond.

Photography equipment valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a photo lab in the 900 bl. Edmonston Rd.

Unsecured lumber was taken from a construction site on South Ora Court on Oct. 19.

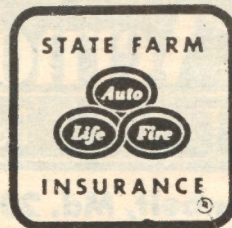
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Recycling Fall Leaves In the City and at Home

by Helen Webb

In an effort to extend the life of county landfills and lower the city's waste disposal costs, the city has begun a scheduled leaf collection program.

The leaves will be recycled by the city into compost. Only leaves will be collected in this program.

The city anticipates that three or four two-week collection periods will be needed to collect leaves throughout the city. During the first week of each period, city crews will pick up loose and bagged leaves from curbsides in Boxwood, Lakewood, Woodland Hills and Lakeside. In the second week, leaves — bagged only — and reported to the public works department will be picked up from the remaining

areas of the city. It is important the city be notified of leaves to be picked up, because leaves picked up as special trash or with regular trash collection will not be recycled.

The News Review and cable channel B-10 will have information about the leaf-collection schedule throughout the fall.

The city's horticulturist Bill Phelan encourages homeowners to recycle leaves and other yard clippings with their own compost piles. Home-made compost, according to County Extension Agent Bob Stewart, is better than commercial soil conditioner.

Simple compost piles can be made by heaping organic material in a pile and letting it rot for about a year. Or for those in

a hurry, an organized compost bin can produce usable compost in about a month.

To create a compost bin, use wire to surround an area with walls about four feet high. Then pile leaves, kitchen scraps and grass clippings into an eight-inch layer. Top this layer with an inch of garden soil. Next, spread some garden fertilizer over the pile and moisten it. Repeat this process several times. When the compost pile reaches the top of the bin, cover it with a plastic sheet.

After two weeks, remove the sheet and fold material on the outside of the pile to the inside for more even composting. The pile should be allowed to compost for two more weeks.

Stewart will present a seminar on composting on November 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hyattsville library.

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New Waste Disposal Means Are Considered by County

by Helen Webb

The Prince Georges County Department of Environmental Resources is proposing a solid waste disposal plan that includes recycling, landfilling, and a \$166.7 million waste-to-energy incineration plant. The county administration predicts that the plan would take care of the county's waste disposal needs until 2015. However, stiff opposition to the incinerator may cause some aspects of the plan to be changed before the county council makes a final decision about the direction waste management in Prince Georges County will take.

Currently, 99% of all solid waste is being buried at the county's landfills at Brown Station Road and at Sandy Hill. If landfilling continues at this rate, both facilities are predicted to last only until 2002. To make the current landfills last longer, the county has begun efforts to encourage recycling. The county believes that 30 to 35 percent of all waste generated in the county can be recycled.

Recycling Programs

Greenbelt and several other communities in the county have recycling programs. In addition, a 7000-home pilot program has been started by the county, and there are several local businesses that collect aluminum and other metals. In Greenbelt, between six and seven tons of newspapers are collected by city crews each week for recycling, indicating that most people recycle newspapers. However, few Greenbelters take advantage of the newly-remodeled recycling facility located near the public works building at the Buddy Attick (Lake) Park, which accepts newspaper, glass, aluminum and waste oil. Currently, only two or three pounds of glass is recycled per household per year in Greenbelt.

The total amount of recycling currently possible is limited by the small number of companies which exist to process recycled materials. Also, there is a current shortage of companies which collect recyclables.

The county government's goal of recycling 35 percent of the waste stream is far above the state goals of 15 percent by 1994. To meet this goal, the county plans to increase the number of recycling processing centers available to county residents to separately collect and compost yard waste and leaves; to have separate curbside pickup of recyclables; to encourage recycling by apartment dwellers and businesses; and to develop a heavy appliance recycling program. According to Karen Napolitano of the Department of Environmental Resources, "a major education program must also be developed." Napolitano is working with the Apartment and Office Building Association and with various apartment complexes to develop feasible recycling programs, but the high mobility rate of apartment dwellers makes their education especially difficult.

Incinerator

The county administration has proposed the construction of a 1500-ton-per-day waste-to-energy incinerator to dispose of 50 percent of the waste that cannot be recycled. The remaining 15 to 20 percent of the county's waste would be landfilled. The administration favors building the incinerator at Brown Station Road, where the county owns 1300 acres of land, because the site meets the county's economic and environmental screening criteria. Although the initial price of the incinerator is quite high, the administration believes that, over a 20-year period, the incinerator will be more economical than landfilling. The county projects that by 1997 the cost of landfilling and incineration will be equal, and that by 2011 it will cost \$60 per ton of waste to landfill, versus \$40 per ton to incinerate. Additionally, the incinerator is predicted to generate \$7.6 million worth of electricity a year.

Concerns have been raised about the effect of emissions from the incinerator on the environment and the danger of run-off from the ash tainting groundwater. The county says that it is committed to running the safest facility possible and that air will be carefully monitored and emissions from the incinerator controlled using state-of-the-art equipment. Ash from the incinerator will be buried separately from raw waste, and run-off from both the solid waste landfill and the ash will be collected, treated, and disposed of separately. Nevertheless, some councilmembers and members of the community are skeptical about the administration's safety claims. Additionally, neighbors of the Brown Station Road site have objections to the incinerator's planned location.

The county council is delaying a vote on the proposed plan until after completion of a tour of East Coast incinerators later this month.

McAndrew Promoted

Greenbelt police officer Patrick J. McAndrew has been promoted from the rank of Officer First Class to Corporal. McAndrew, who joined the Department in 1980 as a Communications Specialist, is now a member of the Patrol Division. He has also served as Crime Prevention Officer. The promotion was announced by Chief James R. Craze on October 21, 1988.

Our Neighbors

by Dorrie Bates, 345-5961

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to News Review staffer James Coleman who is home recovering from surgery.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTA has received \$300 from the Education Support Advisory Council. The group is cited for its contribution to the educational system.

Army Sergeant John T. Lee is busily involved in an international military venture in Mons, Belgium, home of the Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE). Lee is an administrative specialist for the NATO-SHAPE Support Group and works alongside representatives from 14 other countries in the NATO alliance.

Lee has had some once in a lifetime experiences in the few months he's been in Mons. "I've been able to meet President Rea-

gan and the Secretaries of State and Defense . . . Our unit is solely responsible for supporting their arrivals, stays and departures from Belgium."

Lee is the son of Margaret and step-son of Leonard S. Jordan who live on Edmonston Road. He and his wife, Willa, have a daughter, Patrice.

And a tip of the hat to Wanda Dietrich from Greenbelt. An elementary school teacher, Wanda volunteered her time over the summer to give some students a bit of a head start with computers (which are now found in all second and third grade classrooms). Wanda and her fellow volunteers were featured in a recent Journal article on the program.

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Paul (left) and Truman (right) Sinkovic receive a Proclamation declaring October to be "Lupus Awareness Month" from County Executive Parris Glendening. Lupus is a chronic disease that affects over a half million Americans. The Sinkovics, residents of Greenbriar, are active members of the Lupus Foundation. A seminar on Lupus will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29 in Baltimore. For information, call (301) 366-7272.

County Residents Participate In National Health Survey

A six-year nationwide study of the health and nutritional status of Americans is taking place in Prince Georges and Montgomery counties according to Dr. Robert E. Windom, assistant secretary for health. Maryland residents who volunteer after being randomly selected will undergo extensive physical examinations and respond to questions on health-related issues.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES III) is designed to learn more about and prevent such major diseases as heart disease, hypertension and diabetes. The survey will gather information on the dietary habits and nutritional status of Americans and on their blood pressure, serum cholesterol, height, weight, and other physiological and body measurements. The extent of asthma, liver disease, arthritis and other major chronic conditions also will be measured.

Before the survey ends in 1994, about 40,000 people living in 88 communities across the country will have been asked to participate. In Prince Georges and Montgomery counties some 600 individuals are expected to take part in the survey which includes an interview in the household - about health and dietary habits, and a standardized physical examination given in a specially designed mobile examination center.

Personal interviews include detailed questions on physical ac-

tivity, medical history, diet and other health concerns. Physical examinations include a medical and dental examination, physiological and body measurements, and laboratory tests. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey will be conducted in this area through November.

The mobile examination center, located in College Park, is staffed by a team of health personnel, including a physician, dentist, nutritionists, and health and laboratory technicians. Interviewers calling on Prince Georges and Montgomery County residents will display official government identification. Participation in the survey is strictly voluntary and all information collected is confidential.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey is being conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. NCHS is the federal government's principal health statistics agency and is part of the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service.

SENIORS' SOFTBALL

by Jerry Conway

The Greenbelt senior citizen Slow Pitch Softball Team enjoyed an exciting and fun-filled softball game and picnic at a Howard County Recreation Center in honor of their anniversary. The Green Belters were invited by Howard County's senior citizens to participate in this fun-filled event because of our social and sportsmanship characteristics which would add to the enjoyment of the celebration. Playing on a fenced-in field provided the Green Belters with opportunities for hitting homeruns,

triples, doubles, and singles, and it also enabled our fielding to limit the other team's scoring. We won the game by a score of 15 to 4, and their team complimented us on our fielding and hitting.

The Green Belters enjoy participating in a Beltway league series each Wednesday on Braden Field from 10 a.m. through 1 p.m. where four teams engage in two separate games. Everybody is welcome to observe or play in this sporting event now through November. Everyone gets a chance to play. The four teams in the series are: Green Belters, Arlington, and two all star teams of Montgomery County.

GHI Board

(Continued from page one)

"not even close to being unanimous" in the court. (The board has allowed exceptions to the parking policy in two cases; in both cases the change had the unanimous support of the members in the courts).

On another parking matter, the board voted unanimously to designate the 10 recently constructed parking spaces in the 10 Court of Southway as visitors spaces to be shared by the 8, 10, and 11 Courts of Southway.

The board discussed screening for electric meter panels mounted on the end of each row of frame homes and on the masonry duplex units. The board made no decision but asked the staff to come back with costs and plans for screening.

The board took no action on a Finance Committee recommendation that the corporation counsel be asked to interpret a by-laws provision governing "what information or records are or are not available to the membership on request." According to the discussion, the recommendation was occasioned by a request from a member for information about the salary of specific employees. By taking no action, the board adhered to its policy of not revealing specific salary figures for individual employ-

ees.

Meeting Dates

To avoid conflicts with the holidays, the board will meet on Nov. 3 and 17 and on Dec. 1 and 15. In addition to the mem-

bership hearing on the budget on Nov. 1, the budget is scheduled to be discussed at the meeting on Nov. 3 with the first reading scheduled for Nov. 17 and second reading on Dec. 1.

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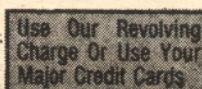
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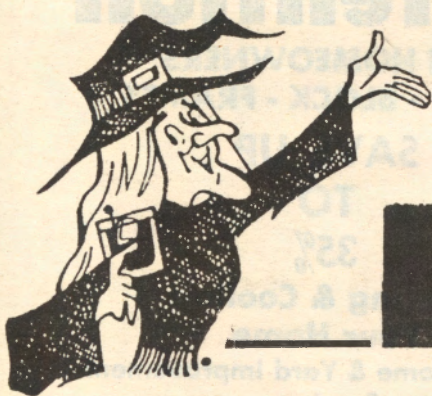
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